



Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Replacement Project

Draft Environmental Impact Statement

We Need Your Comments!

The 51-year old Alaskan Way Viaduct and 70-year old seawall are deteriorating because of their age and years of wear and tear. Both are vulnerable and at risk of failure if a strong enough earthquake hits the region. Without the viaduct and seawall, the region could lose millions of dollars and suffer through even more hours of congestion. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the City of Seattle (the City) have formed a partnership to replace the viaduct and seawall in order to maintain this critical transportation corridor, and to maintain or improve mobility and the urban environment.

After considering over 75 concepts, five viaduct and seawall replacement alternatives are analyzed equally in the draft environmental impact statement (Draft EIS): Rebuild, Aerial, Tunnel, Bypass Tunnel, and Surface. FHWA, the State Transportation Secretary and the Mayor of Seattle will select some combination of these five as the preferred alternative this summer.

What: Check out our new reader-friendly version of the Draft EIS. It clearly defines the five alternatives, their benefits and trade-offs, and analyzes potential impacts such as visual, transportation and construction. This document is a reflection of our commitment to conducting an open decision-making process that encourages public participation and is easy to understand. We need to hear from you to know what matters most as decision makers select and refine the preferred alternative.

When: You can comment now through June 1, 2004. All comments received during this period will be officially recorded and responded to in the Final EIS.

Where: The Draft EIS will be available:

- On the project website
<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/Viaduct/>
- At select Seattle Public Libraries and City Neighborhood Service Centers in the project area. For specific locations, visit the project website.

How to comment: There are several ways to comment.

- Visit the project website and fill out a comment form (see above address)
- Call the project hotline: (206) 269-4421
- Send in a written comment to the project office:

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Attend the Public Hearings

Attend the upcoming public hearings in April where you can view the contents of the Draft EIS, offer written comments, or provide oral comments to a court reporter. The public hearings will be held in the following locations:

CENTRAL

Tuesday, April 27th
Dome Room, Arctic Building, Downtown
3rd Floor, 700 Third Avenue
4:00-7:00 p.m.
Bus Routes: Served by over 50 Metro Bus Routes

SOUTH

Wednesday, April 28th
Lafayette Elementary School, West Seattle
2645 California Avenue S.W.
5:00-8:00 p.m.
Metro Bus Routes: 126, 51, 55, 58, 56, 57

NORTH

Thursday, April 29th
Leif Erickson Hall, Ballard
2245 N.W. 57th Street
5:00-8:00 p.m.
Metro Bus Routes: 15, 18, 44, 46, 75, 81

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